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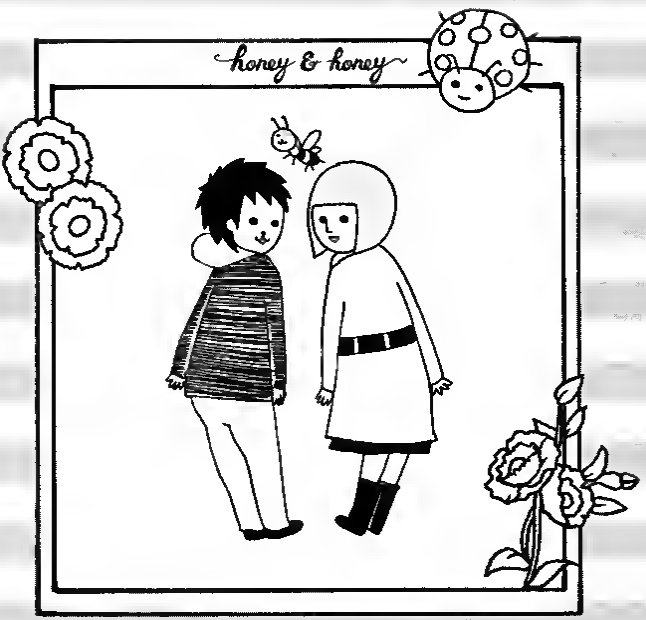
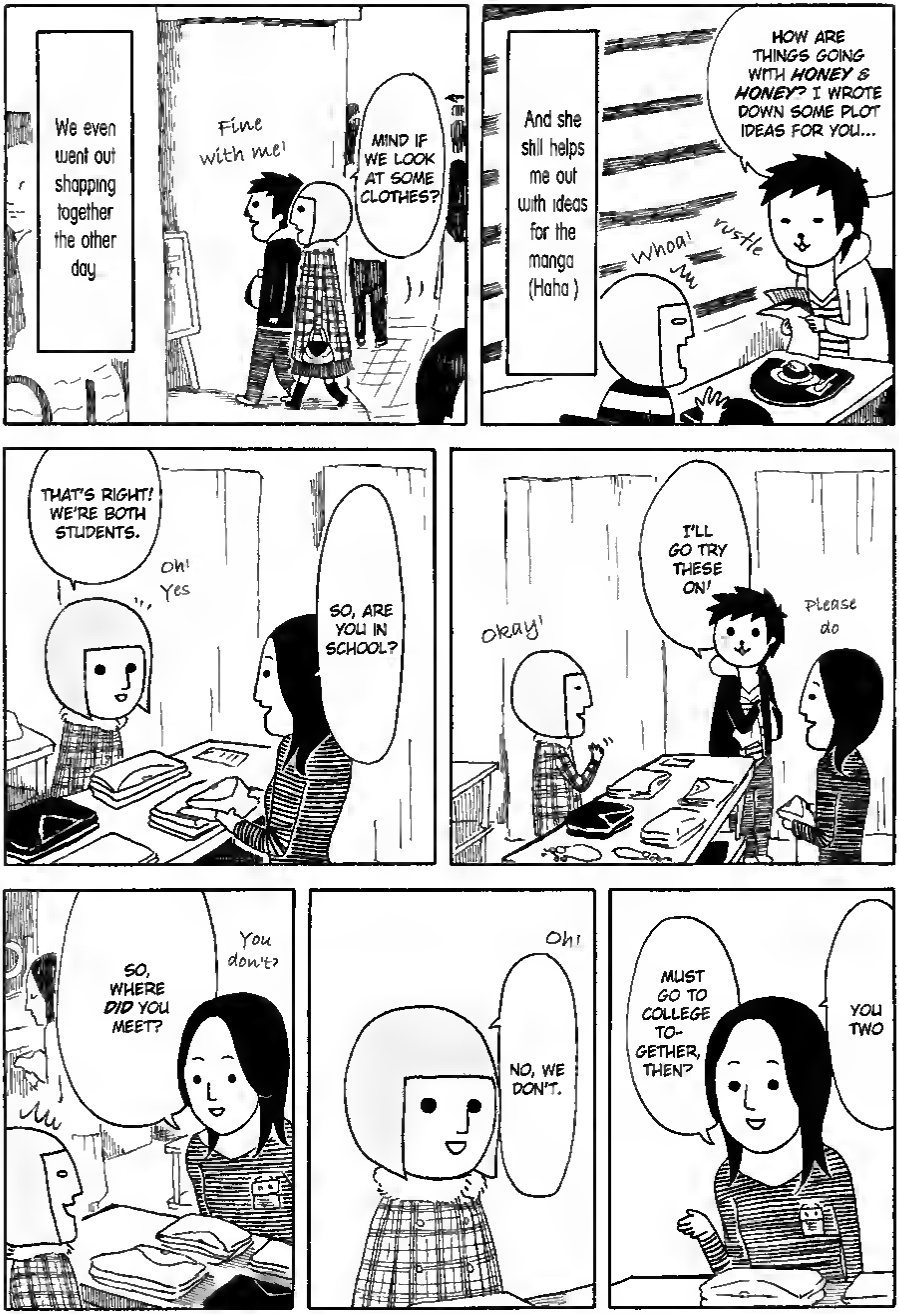


LONG TIME NO SEE!
Hi!
Hey!
A while after our breakup...
We don't see each other very often,
Let's go get something to eat, then.
I'm hungry
but Masaka has become a good confidante. She's a woman who has known me as both a friend and a lover
What's up?
There's something I want to talk to you about
we were able to re-kindle our friendship
That means I end up asking for her advice about my love life a lot
Take me and my girlfriend, for instance.
Any excuse to talk about her, huh?
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO SOMEONE YOU LIKE
The thing is, she knows what it's like to be in a relationship with me, so she's able to coolly and accurately analyze my dating woes
YOU'RE IN THE WRONG THERE, SACHIKO.
You think so?
You might wonder what sets her apart from my other female friends


We even went out shopping together the other day
Fine with me!
MIND IF WE LOOK AT SOME CLOTHES?
And she still helps me out with ideas for the manga (Haha)
HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH HONEY & HONEY? I WROTE DOWN SOME PLOT IDEAS FOR YOU...
Whoa!
rustle
THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE BOTH STUDENTS.
Oh! Yes
SO, ARE YOU IN SCHOOL?
I'LL GO TRY THESE ON!
Okay!
Please do
SO, WHERE DID YOU MEET?
You don't?
Oh!
NO, WE DON'T.
MUST GO TO COLLEGE TO-GETHER, THEN?
YOU TWO

I didn't realize we'd still run into these sorts of problems even after we broke up
shhk
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Nice!
SHE'S MY EX-GIRLFRIEND WE MET AT A MIXER!
?
Ummm, well... Ehehe!
BYE! LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOMETIME!
WELL, SEE YOU LATER!
BYE!
SEE YOU!
Sure
YEAH, FOR DRINKS THIS TIME!

What matters is how you feel when you're in love, no matter what gender that person happens to be. I'm happy being a lesbian
I WANT TO FALL IN LOVE AGAIN!!
Right!!
Every breakup is different, just like every relationship is different. When it comes to love, everyone is unique
I'm not in love with Masako anymore, but she's still very important to me
HOW 'BOUT WE GO TO NICHOU-ME?!!
Well,
uh-huh
ta-da
Yeah!
Kai-kun
You got the right idea there!
God only knows what's in store for me (Haha)
The End
NO WAY.
YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH ME!!
But when it comes to my love life...

Bye-bye!

## Afterword

I'm so glad I was able to publish this continuation of ***Honey & Honey.*** I'm full of gratitude for all of you readers out there. Thank you so much!

As you know, Masako and I broke up. I was sure I wouldn't be able to draw ***Honey & Honey*** again after that, but all the words of encouragement from my readers spurred me on to finish this volume.

I've heard from so many people of all kinds: women, men, bians, gay men, FtMs, and too many others to list here. Some bians told me things like, "I read this with my girlfriend, and it gave our love a boost!" and "You gave me the courage to come out," and "I asked my parents to read it, and it gave them some peace of mind to learn a little bit about my world." You say I helped you, but it was ***your*** messages that gave ***me*** the most courage of all. I can't tell you how much I appreciated each and every one of them and how much joy they brought me. So I'd like to take this opportunity to offer you my gratitude.

In this manga, I've tried to share my point of view and convey what this world is like, and how it feels to live in it. I know that there are some out there who would prefer not to hear any of those sorts of details about people like me, and I was afraid that I would be forcing information on people if I went forward with this project. So I wavered over whether to draw this manga for the public. But if people don't learn about us, they'll go on thinking that we're nothing like them at all. Even though they might find it difficult to understand, I want people to know that our world exists, just like theirs. I drew this manga to get that message out there to as many people as I could. Actually, my primary reason was that there were so many fun and interesting things I wanted to talk about! (Haha.)

I've enjoyed my life as a lesbian, so I'm glad that I was able to go in that direction without getting lost along the way. I'm very grateful to my friends and family for creating such a supportive environment.

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And finally, my sincere thanks to Masako, who has been near and dear to my heart.

My love life isn't over yet! ☆ Even I don't know what my future will hold, but I'm looking forward to finding out! ☆

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